

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-19.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 18-21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 6 was previously canceled. Thus, claims 1-5 and 7-21 are currently pending in the present application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed October 19, 2006, claims 18 and 19 were objected to for informalities. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended responsive to the objections. If any additional amendment is necessary to overcome the objections, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

In the Office Action mailed October 19, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0080832 to Enshasy, and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kong (EU 0 609 062). It is noted that claims 20 and 21 have been amended. To the extent that the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants hereby traverse the rejection, as follows.

In the Applicants' invention recited in claims 20 and 21, the base substrate has a contact hole for making an external connection with the first and second films. Enshasy neither discloses nor suggests a contact hole that makes an external connection with the layers 18 and 36, which form parts of side surfaces of the device. Kong also fails to disclose or suggest a contact hole that makes an external connection with the layers 18, which form parts of the side surface of the device.

Thus, neither Enshasy nor Kong, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests each and every feature recited in claims 20 and 21, as amended. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 20 and 21 are patentably distinct over Enshasy and Kong and in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-21 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, with reference to Attorney Docket No. 025720-00028.

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